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Monitoring at Ordnance Factories
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether monitoring at the factory and Ordnance Factory Board level is undertaken to ensure efficient production of ammunition and components;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has noted instances of short supply of defence equipment by feeder factories;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
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(a)&(b): Physical and financial targets for each of the Ordnance Factories is set at the beginning of the financial year. Regular production monitoring of all Ordnance Factories including Ammunition and its components supplying factories is carried out by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) at the level of Chairman and Operating Members to ensure achievement of targets. At the Factory level, the production is reviewed by the General Manager on regular basis with reference to its Annual targets. Production monitoring is also done regularly at Ministry of Defence by Secretary (DP) and Raksha Mantri.

(c)to(e): Ordnance Factories produce Arms and Ammunition, Battle tanks, logistic vehicles and troop comfort equipments for supply to Defence. Some instances of shortages have been noted. These are marginal shortfalls with reference to pro-rata target in supply of ammunition and armoured vehicles mainly due to non-receipt / delayed receipt of inputs from Indian / Foreign suppliers. Corrective measures include cancellation of such contracts wherever felt necessary and arranging of supplies / inputs from other alternates sources. The supplies are being closely monitored at the highest level of OFB so that the targets are achieved.

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